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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Washington D C 20243

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION

APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY: The Old Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church

Address of property: Street 17 S. Washington Street

City Easton County Talbot State Maryland Zip Code 21601

Name of historic district in which property is located Easton Historic District

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

The church is as it was constructed in 1856 except for a new brick facade and display windows added in the late 1950's. The addition at the rear of the building was completed in 1930 and served for church functions until the St. Mark's Methodist church was completed in March, 1958. The building is in excellent shape for its age.

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(use reverse side if necessary)

The church was in active use from 1856 to 1958. See the manual of the thirty-fifth session of the Wilmington conference of the Methodist Episcopal church held in Easton, Md., March 18, 1903 which contains the history of the Easton M. E. church.

Date of construction (if known): 1856 ☒ Original site ☐ Moved Date of alterations (if known): 1874, 1911, 1930, 1958 or 59.

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name Faw, Casson & Co.

P. O. Box 1168

Street

City Easton

State Maryland Zip Code 21601

Telephone Number (during day): Area Code 301-822-0045

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above

Signature

Donald S. Casson, Partner
Faw Casson & Co.

Date

1/15/82

For office use only

The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☐ contributes ☒ does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6). ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60). and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of the district.

Signature

[Signature]

State Historic Preservation Officer

Date

3-12-82

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,

☐ is hereby certified a historic structure.
☐ does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet

Signature

Keeper of the National Register

Date

and is presently in use as a TV/appliance store. The first floor is carpeted and part of the tin decorative ceiling has been removed. The second floor, which was the former church sanctuary, is presently used as a furniture show room. The large stained glass windows are in place but the twenty foot high walls are covered with ^{as are} brick plywood to a height of sixteen feet. The decorative tin ceiling is still in place and the original brass and porcelain lighting fixtures.

The renovations will convert the street floor to house the offices of a CPA firm, repairing the tin ceiling, and exposing the edge grain ash hardwood floors in the offices. The second floor being offered for rent to the Waterfowl Festival to be used as a display area for waterfowl art and artifacts. The historic charm of the room would be preserved.

The exterior of the building will not be altered except to remove signs attached and painted on the structure.

The attached maps indicate the location. The area outlined in red denotes the Easton Historic District. The area outlined in yellow is the boundaries shown on the 1885 map which shows the location of the M.E. church. The orange marking on the Easton Historic District located the M.E. church on this map.

Photographs of the exterior are attached.

A picture of the church in 1903 or earlier is shown on the last page of the 1903 Wilmington conference information. A picture of the church as it appeared in 1958 is contained in the St. Mark's Methodist church opening service information. Note the steeple had been removed and the front faced in stone (probably in 1930).

A brief history of the building and its origins is presented chronologically:

1. 1777-1787 the Methodist Episcopal church was established in Talbot County.
2. 1791 a small church was constructed on Railroad Avenue.
3. 1829-30 brick church on West Street was constructed.
4. 1856 present church building was constructed using bricks from the West Street building.
5. 1911 church front was faced with granite.
6. 1930 addition to rear of church.
7. 1958 present colonial store front added in keeping with the character of the downtown retail area. This is a significant feature of the revisions to buildings in the town of Easton, which is the Colonial Capital of the Eastern Shore. This change is evidence of the early and successful efforts in keeping the downtown area vital yet retaining a touch with the past.

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Old Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church
17 South Washington Street

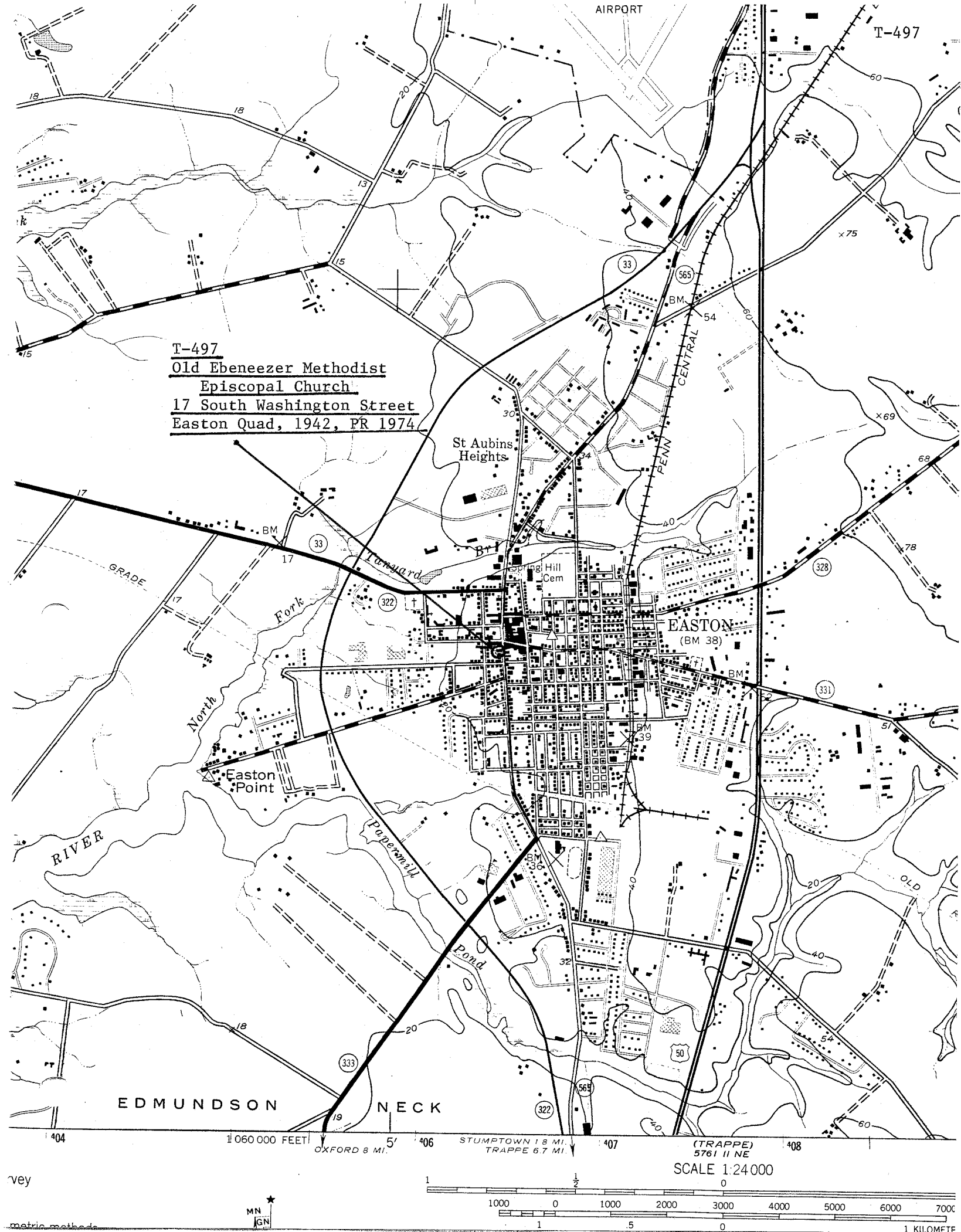
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Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974

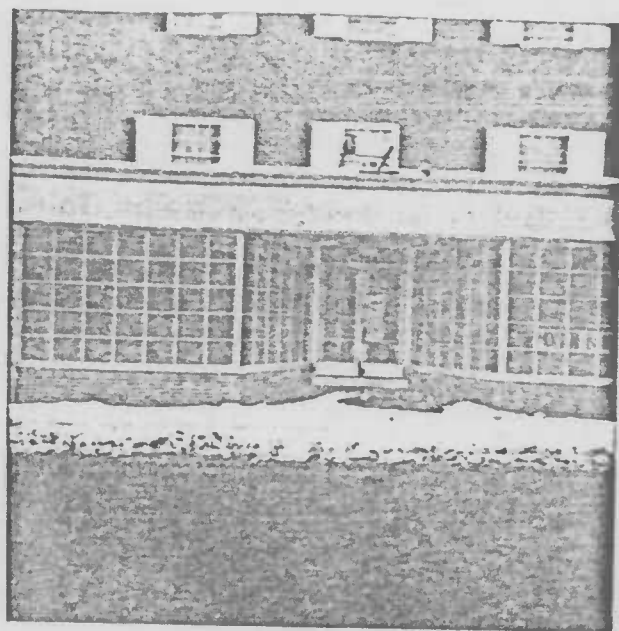




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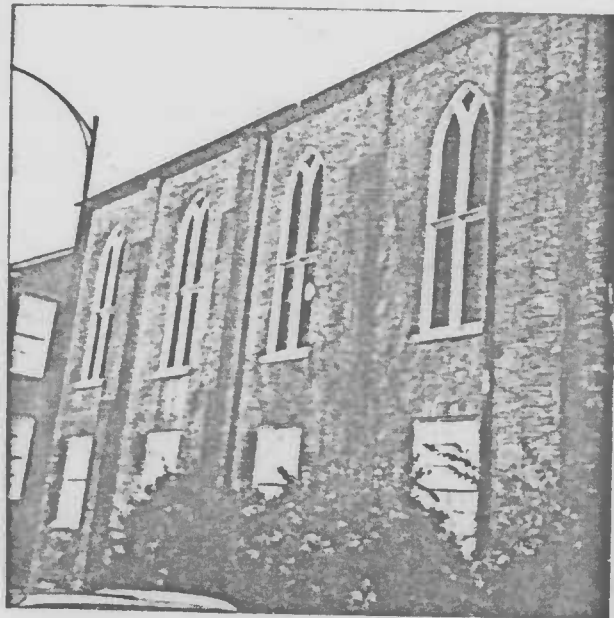
FRONT ELEVATION - COLONIAL WINDOWS



SOUTH ELEVATION

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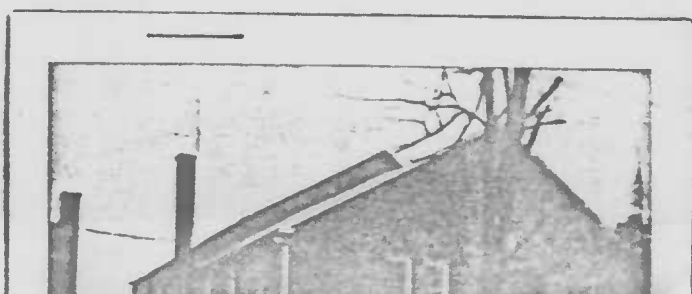
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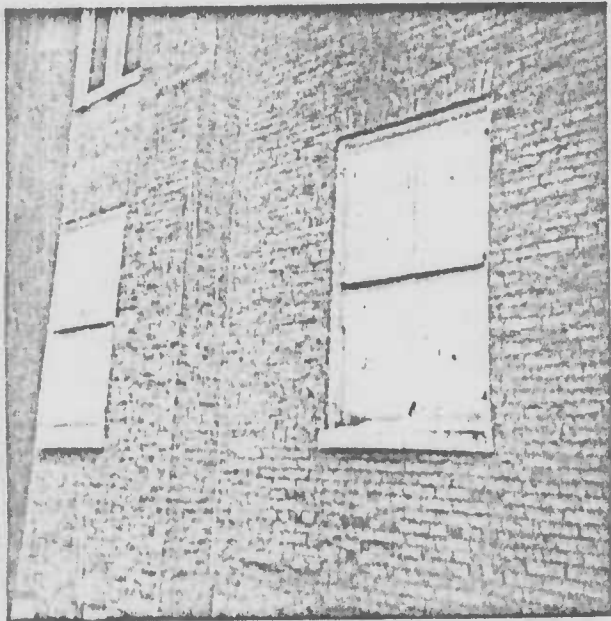
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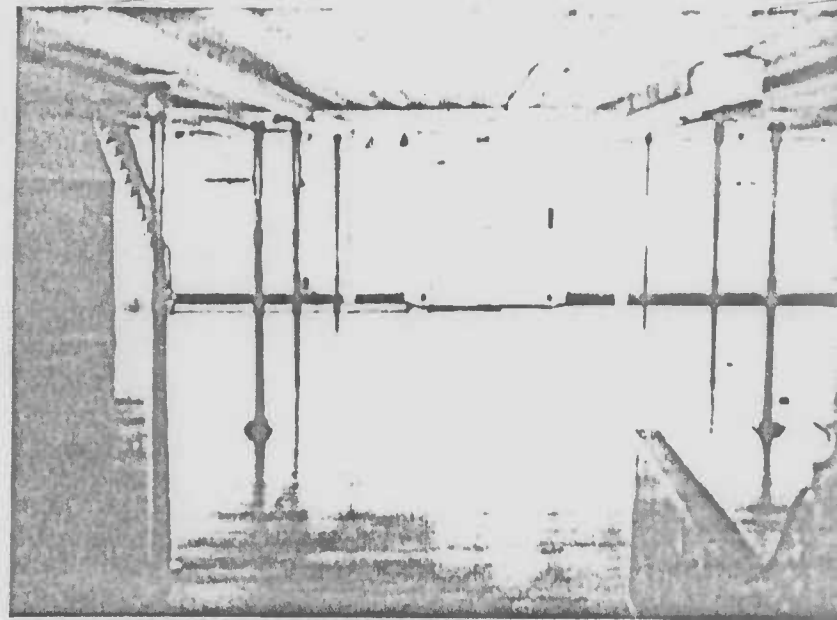


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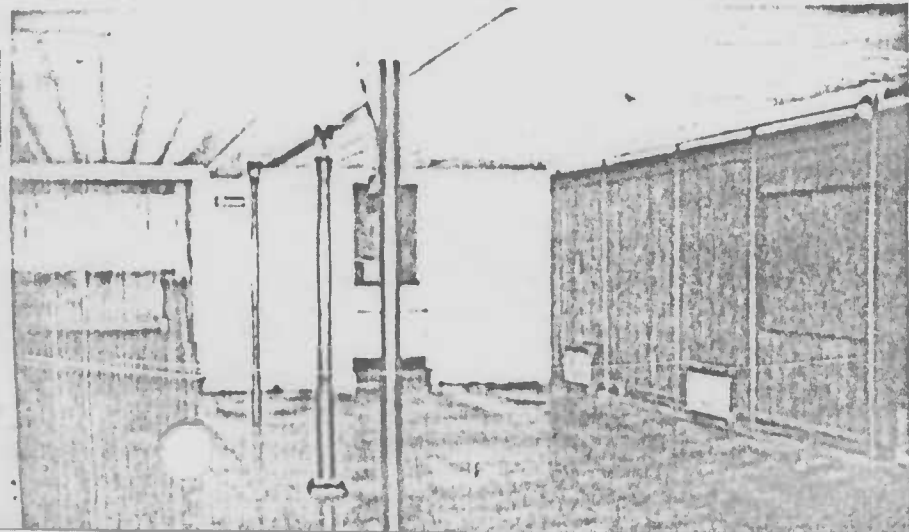


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